



Consultation Response Form

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Question 1

Do you agree with the proposal to introduce a lower retail multiplier?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Please give reasons for your view:

[We support the proposal to introduce a lower retail multiplier to support communities and high streets.](#)

[While 50,000 properties already attract full relief, bringing 13,000 additional properties into scope for business rates relief will help struggling local high streets and communities across Wales.](#)

Question 2

Do you think the proposed definition for a retail multiplier would align with the policy intent?

Yes ☒

No ☐

If no, please give reasons for your view:

Question 3

Do you think a higher multiplier should apply to properties with a rateable value above £100,000 (subject to the described exclusions)?

Yes ☐

No ☒

Please give reasons for your view:

We do not believe that this higher multiplier should apply on the basis set out in the consultation.

There is a strong case for all premises that provide healthcare to also benefit from the reduced multiplier. The reasons for this are:

- health on the high street helps people access care close to home and reduces pressure on hospitals
- patients ultimately cover the cost of business rates on such premises
- as the pandemic highlighted, these premises provide essential services

There is also a wider societal benefit of supporting and sustaining this existing infrastructure. We would like to see premises offering healthcare exempt from the higher multiplier and benefit from preferential business rates.

Question 4

Do you think the proposed definition for a higher multiplier would align with the policy intent?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If no, please give reasons for your view:

As set out in our response to question three, we believe that healthcare premises should not have to pay this higher rate.

Question 5

What, in your opinion, would be the likely effects of the proposals on the Welsh language? We are particularly interested in any likely effects on opportunities to use the Welsh language and on not treating the Welsh language less favourably than English.

1. Do you think that there are opportunities to promote any positive effects?
2. Do you think that there are opportunities to mitigate any adverse effects?

No

Question 6

In your opinion, could the proposals be formulated or changed so as to:

1. have positive effects or more positive effects on using the Welsh language and on not treating the Welsh language less favourably than English; or
2. mitigate any negative effects on using the Welsh language and on not treating the Welsh language less favourably than English?

No

Question 7

We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related points which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to record them.

No